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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 April 2004.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 5,7-14,19 and 25 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 5,7-14,19 and 25 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 5,7-14,19,25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by **Abe** (US 5,555,294)

As to claims 5,9,11-12,19,25, **Abe** teaches a communication apparatus (Figure 2) comprising:

setting means (Figure 4) for setting independently whether or not an outgoing call (Figure 5) is granted and whether or not an incoming call is granted (Figure 6);

communication means capable of communicating with a partner via a plurality of communication channels (Figure 1, label 301); and

control means for independently controlling the number of communication channels in the outgoing call and the incoming call separately in accordance with the setting by said setting means (Figures 5 and 6 and Col. 6; lines 23-38).

As to Claims 7-8,13, **Abe** teaches the apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said communication means can communicate with a plurality of communication partners, and said setting means can set the number of channels used when a communication with another

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communication partner is to be started while communicating using the communication channels, the number of which is controlled by said control means (Figures 5 and 6 and Col. 6, lines 33-38).

As to Claims 10,14, **Abe** teaches the apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said communication means can communicate using a plurality of schemes, and said setting means can set whether or not a communication via the plurality of communication channels is granted in each of the plurality of communication schemes (Col. 6, lines 33-38).

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 5,7-14,19,25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by

Brakefield et al. (US 6,047,006).

As to claims 5,9,11-12,19,25, **Brakefield** teaches a communication apparatus (Figure 1)

comprising:

setting means (Figure 3, label 40) for setting independently whether or not an outgoing call (Figure 3) is granted and whether or not an incoming call is granted (Figure 3 and Col. 5, lines 24-48);

communication means capable of communicating with a partner via a plurality of communication channels (Figure 1); and

control means for independently controlling the number of communication channels in the outgoing call and the incoming call separately in accordance with the setting by said setting means (Figure 2).

As to Claims 7-8,13, **Brakefield** teaches the apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said communication means can communicate with a plurality of communication partners, and said setting means can set the number of channels used when a communication with another communication partner is to be started while communicating using the communication channels, the number of which is controlled by said control means (Col. 5, lines 24-48).

As to Claims 10,14, **Brakefield** teaches the apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said communication means can communicate using a plurality of schemes, and said setting means can set whether or not a communication via the plurality of communication channels is granted in each of the plurality of communication schemes (Col. 5, lines 24-48).

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kobayashi (US 5,946,319) teaches ISDN apparatus which multiplex B-channels to provide telephone services.

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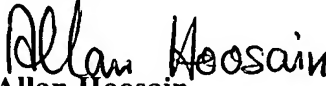
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